

REMARKS

Claims 25, 27, 30 and 31 are pending in the application, as the remaining claims having been canceled. Claim 25 is now amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 27 (previously considered allowable), and claim 27 is canceled. It is believed that this amendment overcomes the remaining rejection of claims 25, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Suda as evidenced by Falzon.

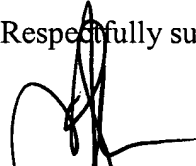
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of two months to and including July 22, 2004 in which to file the instant response. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$210 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$210) for a two-month extension of time. If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/OSTS:003USD2/SLH.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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